



PROHIBITED

FIREARMS DANGEROUS/DEADLY WEAPONS THREATENING/ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR

The possession of firearms or dangerous/deadly weapons on these premises by any individual, including any individual who possesses a license to carry a concealed weapon, is prohibited.

EXCEPTIONS

- On-duty federal, state, or local government law enforcement/security personnel or employees authorized to carry a firearm only while engaged in official duties.
- State property specifically designated for hunting or target shooting.
- Unless otherwise prohibited, firearms used in hunting and hunting equipment such as folding or fix-blade knives which are secured in a locked personal vehicle on State property, other than the Capitol Complex. Firearms used in hunting, must be unloaded, secured out of sight in a locked personal vehicle, and cased while on State property.
NOTE: Hunting firearms and hunting equipment are prohibited on the Capitol Complex even if secured in a vehicle.
- Self-defense items such as pepper spray and mace (excluding firearms) secured out of sight in a locked personal vehicle.

Individuals seeking entrance to State-owned, leased, or operated facilities may be subject to security screening procedures which include:

- ✓ Passing through a metal detector, and
- ✓ Having personal possessions (e.g., purses, briefcases, backpacks, etc.) x-rayed or manually searched.

Threatening or assaultive behavior is prohibited. Any person who exhibits threatening or assaultive behavior, physical or verbal, or who otherwise willfully disrupts the orderly and peaceful process of any department, division, or agency of State government, may be subject to arrest and criminal prosecution.

PENALTIES

Any person who, upon request, refuses to vacate the premises while possessing a firearm or other deadly/dangerous weapon may be charged with a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, may be fined not more than \$1000 or be confined in the county jail for not more than 6 months, or both. (*W. Va. Code* § 61-7-14)

Any person who engages in threatening or assaultive behavior may be subject to arrest and criminal prosecution. (*W. Va. Code* §§ 61-6-1b and 61-6-19)

Any employee who violates the provisions of the West Virginia Division of Personnel's *Workplace Security* policy is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

The policy and posters are available at:

www.personnel.wv.gov/rules/policies/Pages/default.aspx

or call 304-558-3950, extension 57209, to request that forms be emailed to you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION